

URGENT CHANGE IN DATE OF INAUGURAL FETE

Last Thursday in April Is Favored by Majority.

Senators, Representatives, officials and prominent Washington business men were unanimous in their opinion yesterday that the inaugural date should be changed. Weather is the cause.

A date which many agree upon is the last Thursday in April.

Champ Clark would change the whole system. He thinks the President should be elected for six years, the House for three years and that the election should be held in August and the inauguration October 1.

Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, declared he favors a change of date, but would put the inauguration back, instead of forward on the calendar, and held it on January 1. His idea is that the period between the election and inauguration of the President and Vice President is too long.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Senator New, of Indiana; "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Representative Henry, of Texas; Commissioner Newman, Colonel Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, Commissioner Brownlow, Charles J. Bell, chairman of the inaugural committee for the first inauguration of President McKinley; P. T. Moran, former president of the Chamber of Commerce; E. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, many others expressed themselves favoring a change of the inaugural date.

Col. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the Inaugural Committee, pointed out last night that not only the parade but enjoyment of the fireworks was marred by the cold weather.

Col. Harper is a newly appointed member of the National Committee on the Change of Inauguration Day, of which former Commissioner Henry B. F. Macfarland is chairman. A meeting of this committee will be held in the office of Mr. Macfarland, in the Evans Building, tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, to again agitate the changing of the date for the inaugural ceremonies and urge Congress to act in this respect.

Three times the Senate has passed resolutions advocated by the National Committee on the Change of Inauguration Day providing for the necessary amendment, but each time the measure was defeated.

The fact that many of the marchers and onlookers in Monday's parade were ill yesterday from exposure is a strong argument in favor of the necessity for a later date for the ceremonies.

The Town Crier

Washington Association, No. 1, N. A. S. E., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock. Col. Chas. W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner, will give an illustrated address on "Engineering Work in the District of Columbia."

Herbert S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will address the Men's Club of Calvary Methodist Church, Columbia road between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, on the subject of "The Religion of Inspired Politics," this evening at 8 o'clock.

Cornelius Lehane, of Ireland, officer of the Cork Trades Council and organizer for Ireland and Scotland of the Irish National Union of Retail Clerks, will speak on "The Real Causes of the European War," in the assembly hall of the Public Library this evening at 8 o'clock.

The March meeting of the board of directors of the Washington Chamber of Commerce will be held at 4 o'clock afternoon in the rooms of the organization.

The Citizens' Association of Chevy Chase will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the schoolhouse.

A meeting of the Board of Education will be held at the Franklin School Building this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. David Cotzile, of Christ Church, will make the address at the service of intercession in All Souls' Memorial Church on Cathedral avenue tonight.

A meeting of the Federal Schoolmen's Club will be held Saturday evening at Fairmont Seminary, 2701 Fourteenth street northwest. This will be the annual ladies' night. The regular business meeting will be called at 8 o'clock.

A meeting of the Association of Old Inhabitants, D. C., will be held at the Union Engine House, Nineteenth and H streets northwest, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The opening lecture of a course in "Analyzing Character" will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association this evening at 8 o'clock by N. W. Shefferman, N. D. Dr. Shefferman is one of the most able exponents of the new science of judging men and has made a life time study of the subject. Admission is free.

The first of a series of four lectures by C. J. Blanchard, of the Department of the Interior, will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association Assembly Hall this evening at 8:15 o'clock. The subject will be "The Northwest." Admission is free.

Blind Horse Ungrateful; Deliberately Runs Away

Look out for a bay horse—a blind one. Outside of that, though, it's a good horse.

It ran away from Lincoln, D. C., yesterday afternoon. It belongs to Harmon Sandford, of Seat Pleasant, Md., who says he always kept it properly clothed. It had harness on it, too!

WHAT IS GOUT—AND RHEUMATISM?

By Dr. M. C. Lucas.



In 1848, Sir Arthur Garrod, proved that in gout (also true in rheumatism) there is deficient elimination on the part of the kidneys. Uric acid is carried by the blood and deposited in and about the joints where an inflammation is set up in the soft tissues, nearby.

Dr. Levison and Dr. Strauss hold that a long continued disturbance of kidney function, resulting in uric acid

"Swishy" Very Latest British Slang Word

If you want to be "swishy" in your lingo use the new British slang word which is the swaggy thing with army officers stationed in France and who occasionally pass a few days in Paris.

"Swishy" is the very latest contribution to the French dictionary. It means the very best, ultra smart. A woman's dress is "swishy" if it is beautiful and exceedingly becoming. A dinner is "swishy" if it is unexcelled.

"Swish" means uptight, all the latest ever, and then some.

Maybe Broadway will find a place for it in her vernacular.

Y. M. C. A. HELPS HERALD MAKE PATRIOTISM PAY

Employment Bureau to Seek Jobs for Returned Guardsmen.

The Herald, in its effort to get jobs for 300 Guardsmen just back from the border, was offered assistance and co-operation yesterday by the Y. M. C. A.

Norman A. Lufburrow, director of the bureau of employment at the association, said he would do all in his power to help.

"I always have a list of positions open in Washington," said Mr. Lufburrow. "and I will study the qualifications of the men in the list and recommend them for positions most suitable and congenial. I will also get in touch with the large employers in Washington and get them to use as many of the men as possible."

The Y. M. C. A. has one of the largest employment bureaus in the city.

The want ads The Herald has printed for the Guardsmen brought many answers yesterday and some of them expect to clinch jobs today—better jobs, probably, than they had before they went to the border.

The Herald will be glad to print want ads from any of the Guardsmen.

No time is to be lost, for the Third Regiment of the District Guard is to be mustered out of Federal service next Monday. A final medical inspection of all the men was made yesterday, in order to determine if any have incurred disabilities that would be a basis for a pension.

T. V. Poterly, acting director of employment for the District, is planning a mass meeting of Guardsmen who need positions, so he can explain just what the Department of Labor is trying to do for them.

He thinks a mass meeting at Fort Myer on the day the troops are mustered out would give him a line on the real needs of the men.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED IN STREET CAR MUDDLE

Contract Signed by Employees Expires Sunday Midnight.

The agreement between the carmen and the Capital Traction Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company expires at midnight Sunday and absolutely nothing has been agreed on.

The carmen ask a flat rate of 27 cents an hour. They now get 27 cents an hour. They also demand an increase of 10 cents an hour for all mechanics and men in the power plants.

George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, who began conferences with his employees last week, probably will resume them today or tomorrow. The employees are gratified over the way they have been received.

At the office of the Washington Railway and Electric Company yesterday it was said that under no circumstances would officials confer with representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, Local 88, of which its employees are members.

The employees of the two companies feel that any responsibility for a strike or prolonged discussion, will rest upon the employers. The employees submitted their demands for increases more than ten days ago.

NOTED ENGLISH ACTOR TENDERED RECEPTION

A reception was tendered Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, the eminent English actor, by the local branch of the Shakespeare Society of America, at the Colonial school, Eleventh and Q streets, yesterday afternoon.

Rev. George Buckler, president of the national society, presided, assisted by Mrs. Eleanor Newton Buckler, head of the drama department. Those in the retinue were: Mrs. Charlotte C. Everett, principal of the Colonial school; Mrs. Samuel Burleigh Milton, director of music; Mrs. James A. Reed, Mrs. A. J. Griggs, Mrs. James Young, Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph J. Russell, Mrs. Phyllis W. Wray, Mrs. Charles H. Dillon, Mrs. Charles W. Kennedy, Mrs. Henry Elliott Mott and Mrs. Archibald Grace.

TOT HIT BY AUTO.

William J. White, 55, Seaton Place northwest, while operating his automobile at Seventh street and Florida avenue northwest, yesterday afternoon, struck and killed a 2-year-old child, 610 Second street northwest, who was crossing the street.

The boy was taken to Freedman's Hospital, then taken home by Mr. White.

MARTIN NAMED LEADER OF SENATE DEMOCRATS

Southerners and Conservatives Combine to Elect Virginian.

Senate Democrats, in caucus yesterday chose Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, to be majority leader in the Senate of the sixty-fifth Congress. Senator Martin is the senior Democrat in point of service in the Senate. He succeeds John W. Kern, of Indiana, who was defeated for re-election last November.

Senator Martin is a conservative. His selection was made after a protracted fight between his supporters and the Western Democrats whose choice was Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana. The supporters of Walsh urged as the reason for his selection, the services rendered by the Montana man in the Wilson and Marshall campaign in the Middle and Distant West. The Southern representation with the backing of the more conservative Democrats lined up behind Martin.

Senator Martin has held office continuously since 1905 when he was elected to the Senate over Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, idol of the Confederacy and late Consul General at Havana in the exciting days of 1898. He comes up for re-election in 1918.

Following the decision as to the majority leadership the caucus re-elected Senator William Sulzberg, of Delaware, president pro tempore of the Senate.

In the Republican caucus Senator Gallinger was re-elected minority leader and all other caucus officials were again chosen for the forthcoming session.

Both Republican and Democratic caucuses designated special committees on committees. The work of the Republicans will be exceedingly simple. A decidedly complex problem, however, confronts the Democrats. By the retirement of such leaders as Kern, Martine, Johnson of Maine, Smith of Maryland, O'Gorman of New York, and Chilton of West Virginia, several choices were made for the Democratic chairmanships. For these assignments there will be considerable rivalry.

It was also a subject of discussion among the Democrats in the Senate that one of these assignments should be awarded to Senator Stone of Missouri, presently chairman of the committee on Foreign Relations. The Missouriian's present attitude towards the Administration's foreign policy is regarded as hardly sympathetic. The chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is the de facto representative of the President and the vehicle for the transmission of his views and wishes to the Senate.

SUFFS HIGHLY ELATED AT ARKANSAS VICTORY

Women Add First Southern State to Suffrage List.

The first Southern State has been added to the suffrage ranks. That State is Arkansas, and it has discovered a brand-new kind of suffrage for its women, namely, the right to vote in all primary elections.

News of this victory came to the local offices of the National American Woman Suffrage Association yesterday in a telegram addressed to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and signed by Alice S. Ellington, president of the Arkansas State Suffrage Association.

"We are naturally elated at the success of this move in Arkansas," said Mrs. Catt, "since it is the first time any Southern State has granted any considerable suffrage to its women. This is also the first time that the question of women's right to vote in primaries has ever been passed upon by a State legislature."

Nutshell News

John Dixon was held in \$300 bond in the Police Court yesterday morning for "joy riding." Central Office Detective Fred Cornwell told the court Dixon had taken the automobile of John O. Cross, 107 Rhode Island avenue northwest, from Fourteenth and M streets, March 2, without the owner's consent.

Daniel Carroll Digges was allowed a commission of 5 per cent on the sale of fifty acres of land for \$125,000 to Fulton R. Gordon in an opinion handed down yesterday by the District Court of Appeals, affirming the verdict of a jury in the District Supreme Court. The land involved belonged to the late Louis P. Shoemaker.

James E. Howes, an elderly resident of Ashton, Md., dropped dead in front of 708 K street northwest about noon yesterday. Mr. Howes according to the police had visited a relative employed in a store in the vicinity of Seventh and K streets and had just left when he collapsed. His body was taken to Emergency Hospital.

Gertrude Gray, 25 years old, 128 Third street southeast, yesterday slipped on the stairs in her home and injured her back. She was taken to the Casualty Hospital.

Albert Wells, 55, colored, 113 Chews Court, died early yesterday afternoon without medical attention. The police say there was nothing suspicious. Coronor Nevitt was notified.

Alice Prior, 264 Herberts Court northwest, yesterday reported to the police the death of her 3-month-old baby without medical attention. The coroner was notified.

George F. Nau, 707 Kenyon street northwest, yesterday reported to the police that he was bitten on the ankle by a dog coming from the street. The dog was shot and killed by the police.

A bay horse, owned by Mrs. Bobinger, of the Maryland Club, on the Marlborough place, is missing. The animal, which was white, either strayed or was stolen from in front of 118 Sixth street northwest about 7:30 o'clock last evening, according to a report received at police headquarters.

Mary Williams, colored, 70, 427 Neal place northwest, who was stricken with apoplexy, recently handed down a decision confirming the sentences of Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted of transporting two young women from California to Reno.

Miss Evelyn Hunter, 27, 147 N street northwest, was seriously burned on both hands last night when gasoline spilled on her. She was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

William Williams and John Gough, both colored, hailing from the northeast section, had a little dispute at the corner of Fourth and M streets northeast last night about 7 o'clock with the result that Williams is in the Casualty Hospital suffering from the effects of a blow on the head with a piece of pipe.

Visiting Kansans Foregather.

Two hundred visiting Kansans had a jolly good time at a reception given them in the Kansas State Society last night at the Home Club, 18 Eleventh street. Allan sang several songs, accompanied by Miss Lois Stuntz. Dancing was followed for the young, while the older ones played cards. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Thompson, wife of Senator Thompson, presided at the punch bowl.

Steal 4 Kegs of Beer During Recent Drought

Beer, boys, beer! Gallons of beer, \$40 worth of beer; beer enough to drink for a long time. Has been stolen. Five half barrels of beer were yesterday reported to the police as stolen from the establishment of John T. Hinkle, New Jersey avenue and I street southeast.

The beer was stolen during a time when the District of Columbia was supposed to be dry—"bone dry." It was stolen some time between 6 o'clock March 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

SCIENTISTS DISAGREE ON DROOPING OF TAIL

Should Be Straight, Declares One; Other Says Not.

Did the stegosaurus hold its tail straight out or let it droop?

The stegosaurus roamed through the wilds of Wyoming about 10,000,000 years ago and two good specimens—that is, the skeletons of them—have been dug out of rock. One has been set up at Yale and the other is being placed in the National Museum here.

The creature had a humped back and stood about 9 feet high and 21 feet long. Its head was on a long, thin trunk. Projecting from the backbone were twenty-one plates, the largest almost twenty inches square, and these were in two rows, but alternated. There is nothing in the world like it today.

When the curator at Yale put his bones together to reproduce the stegosaurus he made the tail stick out straight—in a funny fashion.

The curator at the museum here—Charles W. Gilmore—has made the tail of his stegosaurus droop, in a natural sort of fashion.

One couldn't possibly identify the two tails as belonging to the same animal, but they do, and it has caused a big stir among scientists.

"The tail on the Yale stegosaurus is the funniest thing I ever saw," said Mr. Gilmore yesterday. "The poor beast could never have held his tail out straight."

Mr. Gilmore has just finished setting up the skeleton of the body, which is complete. A Yale delegation will probably slip down some day to see what the tail of a stegosaurus really looked like.

PLAN HOME GARDENS TO LOWER FOOD COST

Plea Made to Farm All Vacant Lots in City.

Plant potatoes and vegetables this spring on your uncultivated land and help cut the cost of living!

This is the plea of the J. O. Wilson Normal School Community Center, which, with the aid of the District Playground Department and the Department of Agriculture, is planning a campaign whereby every inch of unused land in the District will be cultivated to grow crops.

Mrs. Ida E. Kebler, director of the community center, who presided at the first conference of the body, held in the Wilson Normal School, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest, last night, said she planned a series of six instructive talks in the near future on gardening work.

A committee appointed to aid in the framing of resolutions and securing permission of vacant land owners to cultivate their property, consists of Lyman F. Kebler, of the Public Health Commission; Susan B. Slips and Susie Root Rhodes.

Among those who spoke were D. S. Shoemaker, of the Department of Agriculture, and John Randall, of the Bureau of Education. Another conference was called for next Tuesday evening at the school at 7:30 o'clock.

GRAYSON RENOMINATED IN CONGRESS MESSAGE

President Repeats Demand for Promotion of Physician.

President Wilson again sent to the Senate yesterday the nomination of Dr. Cary F. Grayson, his naval aide and personal physician, to be a medical director of the navy with the rank of rear admiral.

The nomination was sent to the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Congress, but failed of confirmation before its adjournment Sunday because of Senatorial opposition.

Other nominations sent in were: To be Assistant Attorney General of the United States—Francis J. Keaford, of Oklahoma City, Okla.

To be United States district judge—George W. Jack, of Freeport, Iowa, for the Western district of Louisiana.

To be United States district attorney—W. P. McGinnis, of Muskogee, Okla., for the Eastern district of Oklahoma.

To be United States marshal—Michael Antonio Otero, of Santa Fe, N. M.

To be major general, U. S. army—Brig. Gen. Hunter Liggett.

To be brigadier general, U. S. army—Col. F. J. Kernan.

Sentence of Army Officer Approved by President

President Wilson yesterday approved the sentence of five years at hard labor in Leavenworth prison imposed upon former Second Lieut. Jack R. Rigdon, of the Second Arkansas Infantry.

He was convicted of being absent without leave, borrowing money from an enlisted man, passing a worthless check, bigamy, embezzlement, breach of arrest and persuading an officer to desert.

CAMINETTI LOSES APPEAL.

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to reverse the Diggs-Caminetti Mann white slave case, recently handed down by a decision confirming the sentences of Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted of transporting two young women from California to Reno.

Doctor Tells How to Quickly Strengthen Your Eyesight at Home

Dr. Lewis says Bon-Oplo strengthens the eyes. It is guaranteed to strengthen the eyes in many instances. It is entirely done away with glasses. It is quick, easy, and safe. It is a secret. Absolutely harmless, formula on every package. See Doctor's statement, soon to appear in this paper. Bon-Oplo prescription filled by all druggists.

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THE FINAL WORD

Today---Men's Winter Clothing

at final reductions in prices. Invest for next year—if not in present need. But come today—quantities are limited and sizes broken.

OVERCOATS

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FORMERLY \$22.50 TO \$30.00

It's a question of size—there's no question of every dollar invested doing more than double duty. It's also a question of time—how long will the following Winter Overcoats remain, at only \$11.00 for choice:

Quantity	2	10	7	5	2	5
Sizes	33	34	35	36	37	38

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No garments held on deposit. None sent on approval or C. O. D.

Men's Winter Suits \$12.00

Former Prices \$22.50 to \$30, Now Only . . .

Only sizes 34 to 37 now remain. If your size is here it means a fine suit and overcoat at less than the usual cost of either one. Drop in today—at lunch time—the Palais Royal Men's Department is on Street Floor—a distinct shop—with entrance on G street, two doors east of Eleventh.

Basement Store

A Particularly Charming Collection of

NEW SILK DRESSES

At \$12.75

Now Being Shown in the Downstairs Store

And do you know it is remarkable the style and quality that we have been fortunate enough to secure in these garments. It gives any woman seeking to secure new apparel for spring at a modest outlay an opportunity to realize the greatest possible values. Indeed, women who have seen them have dared to compare them with garments priced at nearly twice the price.

There are models alike becoming to slender and stout figures, in the fashionable straight lines and plain and pleated styles.

Many have collars and sleeves of Georgette crepe; some are embroidered in silk floss. Colors, black, white, navy, and all the season's shades.

Have You Visited Our Basement Store?

It can be termed the family store, though mostly visited by wives, daughters and sisters. The head of the family is assured savings of hundreds of dollars annually.

The "Bargain Tables"—their contents change almost daily—always contain home or dress needs at more or less below regular prices. Today a score or more of these tables promise a profitable visit.

Another Feature

The large and complete department for Women's Suits, Dresses, Coats, etc. Spring arrivals are now of interest, and the wonderfully good values in new suits at \$15.00 and coats at \$18.00 should invite a visit today.

Women's Suits \$15

Serges, poplins, checks, and mixtures. In all the season's most popular styles; all sizes, in black and colors.

Women's Coats \$10

Wool velours, poplins, serges and plaids; plain, flaring, and high waist styles; big wide collars with heavy stitching. All colors and sizes. Palais Royal Basement Store.

INAUGURAL CRIMES RUN CATEGORY OF DOCKET

Fewer arrests than ever before on an inauguration day did not mean that the crimes committed were less varied.

Thefts were in plenty and a few drunks, but the greatest crime during the inaugural ceremony was the brutal assault and robbery by two white youths, not yet caught, on William A. Barber, 38 years old, 915 F street northeast, who is employed by a local florist.

Probably the most insignificant crime of the inaugural period was that committed by Samuel Feldman, 14 years old, who was charged with breaking a window pane.

NEW RAILWAY RECORD IN P. R. R. EARNINGS

New York, March 6.—The Pennsylvania Railroad's annual report, which was published today, is a ways interesting because it is of the largest railroad in the world.

The report is for the Pennsylvania Railroad proper, viz. the lines east of Pittsburgh, not including the greater mileage leased or controlled west of Pittsburgh. The earnings, 1916, \$20,278,333, are by far the largest ever reported by any railroad.

The net income, after deducting fixed charges, interest and operating expenses, was \$52,274,454, the equivalent of more than 10 per cent on the nearly five hundred millions of capital stock. The 6 per cent dividend paid required \$29,952,252; \$2,132,969 was applied to sinking and other reserve funds; \$12,928,711 was appropriated for improvements and new equipment and \$7,368,581, the entire balance, was added to the cash surplus.

Bids have been opened in Norway on cast iron or steel pipes for a new municipal water works, delivery to be made in the latter part of 1917.

COURT AFFIRMS VERDICT.

An award of \$9,000 damages against the District to Mrs. Laura May Burke for the death of her husband, Walter L. Burke, recently given in a verdict by a jury in the District Supreme Court, was yesterday affirmed by the District Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Burke sued the District for \$10,000, alleging that her husband's death was due to a depression in the street, which caused him to be thrown from a motor truck.

LEGATION CLERKS ARRIVE.

Havana, March 6.—Thirty Americans, including United States Consuls and clerks in the Legation at Berlin, arrived here today from Corona aboard the steamer Alfonso XIII.

They will resume their journey to Key West tomorrow. They state that Americans in the central empire are leaving for Spain.

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